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THE CABLE FROM PRATT MEANS SENATE BILL 6216

Full Text of the Measure Which the President Has Signed--Saving of Interest Money to Territory--Dole Awaits Advices.

Governor Dole yesterday received a second cablegram from J. G. Pratt explaining the first message in giving the fire claims bill which passed Congress. This was the Foraker Senate Bill No. 6216, which, as Governor Dole understands it, gives to him and the Secretary of the Territory the right to issue bonds without action on the part of the legislature.

The following are the two cablegrams sent to the Governor by Mr. Pratt, and which are self explanatory:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—To Dole, Governor, Honolulu.—If Territory desires me to represent it in arranging issuance and sale of bonds and payment of fire claims, cable Secretary Interior and me accordingly. I suggest no further payment be made from Territorial Treasury. Balance of interest money can be held to adjust insurance claims of Territory later, if so determined.

Advise me exact amount of claims unpaid so can tell how many bonds required.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—To Dole, Governor, Honolulu: Act signed identical with Foraker Senate bill 6216. Copies there.

The bill No. 6216 referred to by Pratt in his second message is as follows:

A BILL

To pay in part judgments rendered under an act of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Hawaii for property destroyed in suppressing the bubonic plague in said Territory in eighteen hundred and ninety-nine and nineteen hundred, and authorizing the Territory of Hawaii to issue bonds for the payment of the remaining claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one million dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay in part the judgments rendered under an act of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Hawaii by the fire claims commission of that Territory for property destroyed in the suppression of the bubonic plague in said Territory in the years eighteen hundred and ninety-nine and nineteen hundred.

Sec. 2. That the governor and secretary of said Territory are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of that Territory in such sum, not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, as, together with the money hereby appropriated, may be sufficient to pay all of said judgments. Said bonds shall be payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard weight and fineness, shall bear interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and be redeemable in not less than five years and payable in not more than fifteen years from the date of issuance. The principal and interest of all bonds shall be exempt from any and all taxes, and the payment thereof shall constitute a charge on the revenues of the Territory of Hawaii. Said bonds shall be sold at not less than their face value, and the proceeds thereof shall be applied to the payment of the judgments aforesaid and to no other purpose, and they shall be of such form and denominations and be issued and sold under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe.

Sec. 3. That under no circumstances shall any such judgment claimant, or anyone claiming through him, be re-

quired to pay, nor shall any attorney or agent be entitled to charge, demand, or receive, directly or indirectly, more than ten per centum upon the amount recovered as compensation for services or labor of any kind or character in the prosecution or establishment of the claim, and in cases of contracts or agreements providing for payment of less than ten per centum the payment shall not be increased above the percentage so agreed upon. Before any such judgment shall be paid hereunder the governor of said Territory must certify that the same is genuine and was duly rendered in pursuance of the act of the legislative assembly of the Territory; and the payment of said judgments shall be in full satisfaction and discharge of any and all claims or demands against said Territory or the United States on account of any property destroyed in the said suppression of the bubonic plague.

Sec. 4. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Governor Dole has not replied to Pratt's second message as yet, and stated yesterday that he was undecided as to what action to take in the matter. He is not exactly certain as to what authority Pratt desires, as the bill provides simply for the signatures of the governor and secretary. What Pratt desires probably, is authority to arrange for the form of the bonds, so that they may be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thus avoiding the long delay which would result, if the bonds were gotten up here, and had to be sent to Washington for approval. Mail advices will however probably be received from the Secretary of the Interior and from Pratt on the next steamer, so that everything now unintelligible will be explained away.

PETERS WILL BE ANDREWS'S DEPUTY

E. C. Peters, who has been practicing law in Hawaii for the past four years, is to be the deputy attorney general, according to information which was current yesterday. There has been no announcement made of the selection, and none would be made last evening by Attorney General Lorrin Andrews, but from political sources the report is given credence.

It is understood that there will be no further changes for the present at least, as the remainder of the force is believed to be ready to continue in office. The absence of Assistant Attorney General Douthitt in Hilo, renders his stay in office problematical, though friends insist that he will not make any change just now. As soon as he returns Mr. Andrews will have a conference with him, and he will then be invited to remain in his place.

Emil C. Peters, the new Deputy Attorney General, is one of the brightest of the younger members of the bar in Honolulu. He is a graduate of Stanford University, following which he entered the Law Department of the University of California in 1897. He was admitted to practice in California, after an examination by the State Supreme Court in the following year, and before he had completed his law studies. While attending school he was engaged in the service of Denison & Schlesinger, a firm of prominent San Francisco attorneys; and graduated with honors in May of 1899 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In September of the same year he came to Honolulu, and entered the law offices of J. A. Magoon. He remained there for two months at which time he became a member of the firm of Andrews, Peters and Andrade. When the firm was dissolved about six months ago, Mr. Peters entered into partnership with Mr. Magoon.

Mr. Peters since his coming to the Territory has been engaged in much important litigation. He has given particular attention to the criminal side of the law practice, and his ability in that direction was recognized by Mr. Andrews, who, when he was appointed Attorney General, immediately sought Mr. Peters as his assistant.

Merchants Choose Officers.

At a well attended meeting of the Merchants' Association held yesterday in the rooms in the Judd building, nine directors to serve for the ensuing year were chosen. There was a very full vote cast, and the directors elected received a large majority. The new directors are as follows: F. W. Macfarlane, W. W. Dimond, W. W. Harris, J. G. Rothwell, J. F. Humburg, P. R. Helm, G. W. Smith, E. A. McInerney, and H. F. Wichman. The board will meet and select the officers from this list within the coming week.

NEW YEAR OPENS WELL

Chinese Turn Out In Honor of Occasion.

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Chinese New Year passed without an incident to mar the enjoyment by the Oriental population of its one holiday of the year, and there was not a single one of the thousands perhaps but made it a day of perfect merrymaking. Until evening there was not a drop of rain, and by that time the stated functions had been passed and the downpours affected only the late comers and the crowds which gathered about the theaters.

Ushered in with noises of bomb and gong, the day continued until its close one marked by the constant roar of fire crackers without and the dispensing of good cheer within. Despite the belief that the bad year would have its effect upon the celebration, there seemed to the visitor in Chinatown no diminution in the interest of the residents in their holiday. In all the stores of the rich companies there was a gathering of the friends to smoke and drink and pass the compliments of the season. The rich embroideries were all in evidence and the walls bore the same bright banners as of old. There were spread the most delightful dishes of sweetmeats, but in every case, where the visitor was a foreigner, the explanation was made that all the candied fruits were made in Honolulu and the only imported articles were the Li Chee nuts which were left in their shells. And all was excellently prepared and the fullest enjoyment taken out of the feasts by those who made the round of calls.

The principal public function was that of the United Chinese Society. At the rooms of the organization, decorated with the great dragon banner of the Empire, there gathered the heads of the society to welcome their friends. President C. K. Ai was flanked in the receiving line by Lau Tang, Lam Fai, Wong Leong, H. Ahin, C. Kam Hon, Y. Ah In and Chuck Hoy, while at the door to receive the guests was Chun Ming and a delegation of others to greet and introduce the visitors.

Soon after 11 o'clock when the first of the guests had arrived, President Ai, Cheung Leong, the Rev. Wong Yuck Sing and Dr. Li Kai Fai made short addresses, bearing upon the condition of the Chinese colony and predicting future prosperity. Wine and dainties in candied fruits were served, but there was no luncheon as in former years. The band came at noon and for an hour played for the receiving party.

At the Bow Wong Society there was a great gathering early in the day. The greeting of the holiday consisted of a salute of twenty-one bombs and then the reception took place. The hall had been decorated with flags and greens and President Wong Leong was surrounded by prominent Bow Wongs as he received the congratulations of some two hundred of his friends. The first thing was the reading of the message sent to the Emperor through the American minister after which speeches were made by Wong Leong, Dr. Akana and Dr. Li. Refreshments were served.

At the house of the See Yip Society, where banners and lilies constituted the major portion of the decorations, President Chu Gem received several hundred of the members of the society and all enjoyed the morning with refreshments and passing the compliments of the season.

The club houses of the Yi Yee tong, the Kan In Kwok tons, the Kwok On tong and others were all open during the day for callers and an orchestra, at most places, supplied music during the day and evening.

Last night the center of the pleasures were the theaters which were crowded, and there was the usual gambling, which was kept well under cover however.

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